



2023 EPPALOCK PS PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear families,

Eppalock Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Eppalock Primary's* voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

This support has allowed us to provide a wider range of experiences and resources within our small school, for example, offering of subjects and special outdoor curriculum experiences, continuing to build upon our reading and library resources and building on our ICT resources.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Jason O'Neill

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Principal

Eppalock PS

Alicia Martin

School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>Online Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathletics, Raz Plus, Essential Assessment 	\$30
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$30
Printing	\$10
<p>Subject Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English/Library including MARC \$25 STEM/Living Green \$20 Chinese \$20 	
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p>School Grounds & Maintenance</p> <p>\$40 per student \$70 per family</p>	\$
Total Amount	\$

- The following items will be kept at school from this year for students to use in 2023
 - Reader Bag (School will supply these to Foundation students)
 - Book tub (School will supply these to Foundation students)
 - Art smock (Foundation students will need to purchase one please)

Educational items for students to own – Book and stationary List

We will supply you with book list that the school recommends you purchase online from Central Victorian Office Supplies for your child to individually own and use. Your login details are attached to the book list – booklists must be completed online by **Friday 9th December** to ensure delivery for the start of the school year. **All students (except Foundation & Grade 1 students) will need to purchase their own pencil cases separately as they have not been added to the book list.**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Eppalock Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. These include, camps and excursions, grade 6 tops, graduation books etc. We will send out Information and costs of these items and activities as they occur throughout the year.



Financial Support for Families

Eppalock Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- access to State Schools Relief uniform supplies
- individual family support on a case-by-case basis

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Jason O'Neill

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Please make these payments through your [**MY SCHOOL CONNECT ACCOUNT**](#) via the App or Website
(Please do not deposit into the school bank account)

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.